

What is claimed is:

1. A method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ), comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium salt, manganese salt and nickel salt into distilled water;
- b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution;
- c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;
- 10 d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and
- e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder, and grinding the resultant.

15 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the lithium salt, manganese salt and nickel salt are water-soluble salts.

20 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the lithium salt is lithium acetate dihydrate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Li} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), and the manganese salt and the nickel salt are manganese acetate tetrahydrate ( $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Mn} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), respectively.

25 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the gel is burnt at a temperature of  $400 \sim 500^\circ\text{C}$ .

5. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first thermal treatment is performed at a temperature of 400 ~ 500°C.

6. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the 5 second thermal treatment is performed at a temperature of 700 ~ 1000°C.

7. A method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ), comprising the steps of:

a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium acetate dihydrate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Li} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), manganese acetate tetrahydrate ( $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Mn} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) into distilled water;

15 b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution at over 100°C;

c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;

d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and

20 e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder at a temperature of 700 ~ 1000°C, and grinding the resultant.

8. A Li-Mn-Ni oxide having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ) prepared by using a 25 method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery, the method comprising the steps of:

a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium salt, manganese salt and nickel salt into distilled water;

b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution;

c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;

5 d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and

e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder, and grinding the resultant.

10 9. A Li-Mn-Ni oxide having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ) prepared by using a method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery, the method comprising the steps of:

a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium acetate dihydrate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Li} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), manganese acetate tetrahydrate ( $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Mn} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) into distilled water;

b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution at over  $100^\circ\text{C}$ ;

c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;

d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and

e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder at a temperature of  $700 \sim 1000^\circ\text{C}$ , and

25 grinding the resultant.

10. A lithium secondary battery including a Li-Mn-Ni

oxide having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ) which is prepared by using a method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5        a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium salt, manganese salt and nickel salt into distilled water;
- b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution;
- c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;
- d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and
- 10      e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder, and grinding the resultant.

11. A lithium secondary battery including a Li-Mn-Ni oxide having a composition of  $\text{Li}[\text{Ni}_x\text{Li}_{(1/3-2x/3)}\text{Mn}_{(2/3-x/3)}\text{O}_2$  ( $0.05 < x < 0.6$ ) prepared by using a method for preparing a Li-Mn-Ni oxide for a lithium secondary battery, the method comprising the steps of:

- 20      a) preparing an aqueous solution by resolving lithium acetate dihydrate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Li} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), manganese acetate tetrahydrate ( $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Mn} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) into distilled water;
- b) forming gel by heating the aqueous solution at over  $100^\circ\text{C}$ ;
- 25      c) preparing oxide powder by burning the gel;
- d) performing a first thermal treatment on the oxide powder, and grinding the resultant; and

e) performing a second thermal treatment on the resultant powder at a temperature of 700 ~ 1000°C, and grinding the resultant.